



ALUMNI & ASSOCIATES Montana Chapter

Program Description:

Alumni and Associates are part of a network of adults who believe in FCCLA, its mission, its purposes, and is key to anyone who is interested in investing in youth!

- *Maybe you were a member of FHA/HERO or FCCLA and acknowledge how much you benefited from the programs.
- *Maybe your children and grandchildren are now members of FCCLA, and you can observe the important skills they are developing through FCCLA.
- *Maybe you are a current or retired adviser or administrator who recognizes the benefits of the program.
- *Maybe you are a business and community leader who appreciates the community service and student involvement of FCCLA.

Joining Alumni and Associates is a small way you can let others know that you care and want to see the programs continued in your community and state. Help build a strong network of supporters by sending in your membership application and \$5.00 dues today.

Alumni and Associates members will be recognized at the State FCCLA Conference in March, and will have opportunities to get involved with judging and other activities.

**Demonstrate your loyalty and support of FCCLA –
Get involved with Alumni and Associates!**

Check the website at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/FCCLA/index.html> for updates on FCCLA.

Continue reading the next page for a copy of the Membership Application, as well as an editorial from a current member. Further information or suggestions can be directed through the State FCCLA Office at PO Box 20996, Billings, MT 59104-0996

Invest in Youth

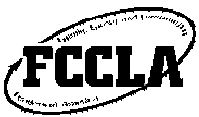
Support the Montana Alumni & Associates

Support Alumni & Associates and you can participate in FCCLA by . . .



- ✓ Sharing your experiences in the organization with local chapters, the community and throughout the state of Montana.
- ✓ Volunteering to judge STAR Events or to chaperone an FCCLA meeting or event at the local, state or national levels.
- ✓ Promoting the importance of family and consumer sciences education and FCCLA on the local, state and national level.
- ✓ Sponsoring a chapter activity that benefits the community and local business.

Members of **Alumni & Associates** are part of a network of adults who believe in Family, Career & Community Leaders of America and its mission and purposes. **A&A** is for anyone who is committed to investing in youth dedicated to becoming strong leaders in families, careers and communities. For more information, visit the website at www.opi.mt.gov/FCCLA/



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
MONTANA ALUMNI & ASSOCIATES

(Please complete this form and mail it to the address below.)

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Occupation _____

Phone - Home: _____ Work _____

Affiliated with chapter in what town: _____

Please Check as Applicable:

- ☐ One year \$5 (State ONLY)
- ☐ One year \$20 (State & National dues)
- ☐ MT FCCLA Scholarship Fund
 - ☐ Bronze \$25 - \$49
 - ☐ Silver \$50 - \$99
 - ☐ Gold \$100 +

Method of Payment:

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Check (*Payable to Montana Association of FCCLA*)

Membership Status: (check ALL that apply)

- ☐ New
- ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Alumni (Former members of FCCLA, FHA, NHA, & Honorary Members)
- ☐ Associates (Any individual who is NOT a former member, but believes in the organization.)

Mail To: Connie Dempster, MT FCCLA Executive Secretary, PO Box 20996, Billings, MT 59104-0996

(Dated testimonial)

Dear Editor,

Are you interested in investing in the youth of your community? Consider supporting your local FCCLA chapter!

This summer I had the opportunity to attend the national FCCLA leadership meeting in Chicago with my three daughters, along with several other teens from my community, who competed in a national STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) event competition. Was I ever impressed!

Like me, others of the “red-hat” generation may dimly recall FCCLA as FHA (Future Homemakers of America) where girls gathered to practice “homemaking” type activities. Let me tell you ‘CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE.’ The organization has changed its name to FCCLA, it is NOT just for girls, and these teens are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

What an opportunity for students! Through participation in a variety of STAR event competitions, the youth in your community may earn the chance of a lifetime just like my daughters did. Throughout the school year FCCLA members work hard on projects that impact the local community. These great learning tasks are an integrated part of the family and consumer sciences program in the school; activities may be carried out both in and out of the classroom — and worth every ounce of effort put into it. FCCLA students work hard for the opportunity to compete on the district/state levels. Students earning the top awards at the state competition in March advance to the national level in such places as Chicago, Philadelphia and, next year, San Diego. The experience of travel alone is priceless, but the opportunity to take tours, learn some history, and meet other young people from throughout the U.S. is even more important.

What an opportunity for communities . . . to reap the benefits of young people engaged in activities that benefit their families and local communities. What an opportunity for members of the community to be instrumental in the encouragement of our youth into such positive channels. Anyone with an interest in tomorrow’s families or communities should be involved in FCCLA!

Contact your local FCS (family and consumer sciences) teacher (or any FCCLA member). They can help you find out how to become an associate member of FCCLA. You can help shape the future for family leaders, career leaders, and community leaders in America.

For more information on FCCLA or Montana Association of Alumni & Associates, visit the website at www.opi.mt.gov/FCCLA/ or write to the State FCCLA executive secretary at FCCLA Office, PO Box 20996, Billings, MT 59104.

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